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Press Release

Gore Street Energy Storage Fund plc

Intention to Float on the Premium Segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and Publication of Prospectus

Gore Street Energy Storage Fund plc is pleased to announce the publication of its Prospectus in connection with a target issue of 100 million Ordinary Shares at an issue price of £1.00 each by way of a First Placing, Offer for Subscription and Intermediaries Offer (the "First Issue") and a Placing Programme of up to 100 million Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares. Defined terms used but not defined in this announcement shall have the same meanings as given to them in the Prospectus.

The Company is seeking to raise gross proceeds of up to £100 million pursuant to the First Issue for the purposes of investment in a diversified portfolio of utility scale energy storage projects. Stockdale Securities Limited is acting as sponsor, sole broker and intermediaries offer adviser in connection with the Issues and Admission.

It is intended that the Company will be structured as a closed-ended investment company and registered as an investment company under Section 833 of the Act. The Company intends to carry on business as an investment trust within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 24 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

The Prospectus has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and a copy will shortly be available on the Company's website: www.gstenergystoragefund.com, subject to certain access restrictions, and at the Company's registered office: 7th Floor, 9 Berkeley Street, London W1J 8DW. A copy of the Prospectus has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and is available for inspection at www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM.

Key Highlights

- *Growth potential in grid flexibility from decarbonizing environment* – there has been a significant increase in contribution of renewable energy sources to total UK power generation, representing 18 per cent. of total energy generated in 2016 with a target of 31

per cent. by 2020. This increase of renewable energy, which is an intermittent source of electricity, together with the closure of coal and nuclear power plants, is expected to create difficulties in balancing demand/supply of electricity in the system which creates tight capacity margins and which could, therefore, lead to blackout risks during peak demand.

- *Significant investment opportunity due to grid challenges* – Gore Street Capital Limited (“Gore Street Capital” or the “Adviser”) expects that energy storage will increasingly be required to play an important role in managing critical balancing and frequency management services to stabilise the system and provide flexibility to the electricity market.
- *Established technology* – battery storage is capable of very fast injections or withdrawals of power, enabling it to provide the frequency response services that National Grid relies on to maintain system stability. It is reported that manufacturers are offering performance guarantees of 10 years, depending on application.
- *Not a developer* – the Company will not invest in any projects under development so that, save in respect of the final delivery and installation of the battery systems, all other key components of the projects are in place either before investment or simultaneously arranged at the time of investment (such as land consents, grid access rights, planning, EPC contracts and visibility of revenue contract(s)).
- *High yield* – the Company is targeting an annual dividend of 7 per cent. of Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share in each financial year, subject to a minimum target of 7 pence per Ordinary Share commencing from the financial year ending 31 March 2020. For the period from First Admission to 31 March 2019 the Company is targeting a dividend of 3 per cent. of Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share subject to a minimum target of 3 pence per Ordinary Share.
- *Strong returns* – the Company intends to hold a diversified portfolio of projects with targeted unleveraged IRRs from its portfolio of projects once fully invested of 10-12 per cent. (before fees and expenses of the Company) through multiple revenue streams which may be stacked on a single battery. The revenue generated by the projects held by the Company and its subsidiaries is not linked to electricity prices or subsidies.
- *Seed Portfolio* – three assets with an aggregate value of £11.2 million (18 MW). Battery providers on these projects include NEC Energy Solutions Inc. (“NEC ES”), a subsidiary of NEC Corporation, and Tesla.
- *Large identified pipeline* – more than 60 potential projects equating to approximately 1,340 MW of capacity.
- *Substantial cornerstone investment* – conditional on First Admission and minimum net proceeds of £75 million being raised (1) NEC ES has committed to invest the lower of (a) 10 per cent. of the total gross proceeds of the First Issue and (b) £8 million, and (2) NK has committed to invest £6 million. Directors of the Company and directors and certain shareholders of Gore Street Capital intend to invest approximately £2.4 million.
- *Specialist* – senior management of Gore Street Capital have extensive experience and expertise in sourcing, structuring and managing large renewable energy projects globally.
- *Non-executive, independent board* – Patrick Cox (Chairman), Caroline Banzsky, Max King and Thomas Murley.

Gore Street Capital Limited

Gore Street Capital was formed as a platform to acquire, develop and manage global renewable energy assets. It is headquartered in the UK and comprises a strong team of investment professionals with significant experience in sourcing, structuring and managing large renewable

energy projects globally. Gore Street Capital was the first to deploy privately owned large scale battery projects in Britain.

The investment team includes Michael Philipp, Daniel Mudd, Franciscus Wouters, Sumi Arima, Peter Gutman, Piers Lindsay-Fynn and is led by Alex O’Cinneide who founded Gore Street Capital Limited in 2013. For further information on Gore Street Capital visit: www.gorestreetcap.com.

Board of Directors

The Company's board of directors ("Board") comprises four non-executive directors with backgrounds in private equity, investment banking, insurance, asset management, legal, infrastructure, renewable energy and non-profit organisation, all of which is relevant to the Company.

Patrick Cox (Chairman) – Mr Cox has significant board experience and is currently the Chairman of the Public Interest Committee for KPMG Ireland, a member of the Appointment Advisory Committee for the European Investment Bank, a member of Michelin SCA’s Supervisory Board and a non-executive director of Appian Asset Management Ltd.

Caroline Banzky – Ms Banzky has considerable experience in public markets with multiple-sector experience including private equity, insurance, investment trust and fiduciary services. These roles include her current position as Non-Executive Director of 3i Group plc.

Max King – Mr King has had a varied career in financial services, including over 30 years in investment management. His past roles include substantial experience as the investment manager of a variety of investment companies including at Finsbury Asset Management, J O Hambro Capital Management and Investec Asset Management.

Thomas Murley – Mr Murley has been involved in investing in renewable energy projects for over 25 years in both Europe and the United States. From 2004 – 2016 Mr Murley was a director at HgCapital, a London based private equity firm, where he established its renewable energy investment fund business which raised and invested over US\$1 billion in equity in over 70 EU wind, solar, biomass and hydroelectric projects. He also served as a Non-Executive Director to the Green Investment Bank from 2012 to 2017.

Investment Objective

The Company seeks to provide investors with a sustainable and attractive dividend over the long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of utility scale energy storage projects primarily located in the UK, although the Company will also consider projects in North America and Western Europe. In addition, the Company seeks to provide investors with an element of capital growth through the re-investment of net cash generated in excess of the target dividend in accordance with the Company’s investment policy.

The Company's investment policy is included in its Prospectus available at www.gseenergystoragefund.com.

Alex O’Cinneide, Managing Partner of Gore Street Capital Limited, commented:

"We are delighted to announce our intention to launch the Company and believe that our management team has the experience and expertise to deliver significant returns through exposure to utility scale battery storage assets. We have already built strong strategic partnerships with our cornerstone investors, NEC ES and NK, and believe that our existing operational assets, complemented by the Company’s robust and actionable pipeline will deliver excellent near-term shareholder value in a growing market."

Patrick Cox, Chairman of the Gore Street Energy Storage Fund, said:

“Given the increasing penetration of renewable power in international energy consumption and the ongoing move away from fossil fuel generation, we believe that investment in energy storage projects will deliver strong returns. Our first-mover advantage in the UK energy storage sector will help us to deliver through an asset base that provides high-yielding income returns.”

Expected timetable

Publication of the results of the First Issue	10 April 2018
First Admission	12 April 2018
Placing Programme opens	13 April 2018
Placing Programme closes	8 March 2019

The Legal Entity Identifier of the Company is 213800GPUNVGG81G4O21.

Participating intermediaries

Intermediaries participating in the First Issue include:

Alliance Trust

www.alliancetrustsavings.co.uk

AJ Bell

www.youinvest.co.uk

Barclays

www.smartinvestor.barclays.co.uk

Equiniti

www.equiniti.com

Financial Express

www.financialexpress.net

Interactive Investor

www.iii.co.uk

Jarvis

www.jarvisim.co.uk

Saga Share Direct

www.sagasharedirect.co.uk

Selftrade

www.selftrade.co.uk

Sharedeal Active

www.sharedealactive.co.uk

Shareview

www.shareview.co.uk

TD Direct

www.tddirectinvesting.co.uk

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